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- 1. The Soviet Naval Basin at Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) is surrounded by a high barbed wire fence near which there is thick bush which hides the interior from view. Where there are no bushes there is a concrete wall topped with several rows of barbed wire. Armed Soviet sentries were seen inside the barbed wire fence.
- 2. On the inside of the fence, between the bushes and the fence, there is a camouflaged irregular trench containing machine gun positions covered with tarpaulin. The trench at some points almost touches the fence and at other points it is about 100 paces from it. Roofs of numerous scattered wooden houses are visible above the bushes.
- 3. Approximately 50 meters southeast of the Swinoujscie lighthouse there is an iron aerial mast from 10 to 15 meters high which is visible above the trees. On the top of the mast there is a horizontally placed plate-shaped object. A single cable runs from the mast to the wall of the lighthouse and from there to a small house at the foot of the lighthouse.
- 4. In the former park which is situated on the left bank of the Swina River north of Swinoujscie, at a distance of 400 to 500 meters from the river on the northern edge of the park, four Soviet gun emplacements are located. The gun barrels, which are 4 to 5 meters long, are of the same diameter throughout their length and are without muzzle brakes. The caliber of the guns is not known. The guns are mounted on concrete platforms. There are dugouts near the guns from several of which smoke was issuing. There was no movement in the immediate vicinity of the gun emplacements but a Soviet soldier and two Soviet sailors were seen walking together towards the town from the direction of the emplacements. From the gun positions a narrow-gauge railway runs in the direction of a small canal which leads into the Swina River.

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- 5. To the west of the gun positions mentioned in paragraph 3 and slightly to the rear in a clearing there are five antiaircraft guns mounted on concrete platforms. The guns were covered. There was a sentry in a heavy overcoat hear the guns.
- 6. To the west, near the Dom Zdrojowy (Health Home) there are trenches facing the sea. The Dom Zdrojowy is separated from the beach by a barbed wire fence, one end of which disappears into bushes and the other goes out to sea.

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